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NEW CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROGRAM
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TO CAMPUS



"A New Level of Service and Vitality"

Justin D Cooper, President

2009 has been a very special time of blessing for Redeemer, as we see the Lord opening the way to a new level of service and vitality. Who would have believed when we began in 1982 that we would be the dynamic undergraduate university we are today!

We have received first-rate rankings in the student satisfaction issues of both *The Globe and Mail* in October and *Maclean's* in February, confirming the quality of what we do in national surveys of Canadian universities. We have also been buoyed by two infrastructure grants, one for \$3 million from the federal government for upgrades to our academic facilities and the other for \$2.6 million from the federal and provincial governments for a new soccer complex in partnership with Ancaster Soccer. This additional capital funding, together with the generous donations of our supporting constituency, will enable us to better serve our students and the wider community.

Even more exciting than recognition and capital funding is our large increase in enrolment to a record 918 students from across Canada, 5 US states and 7 other countries, representing 52 different denominations. And to top it off, we have launched a new program, Continuous Learning & Education At Redeemer (C.L.E.A.R.) that is beginning to attract a large and growing segment of adult learners who can benefit from our Christ-centred teaching.

Redeemer is establishing a national reputation for academic excellence and a spiritually vibrant campus, as well as community service. As a faith-based university we have a public mission that seeks to impact our society for Christ through teaching, scholarship and service. We are proud of our students, our first-rate faculty and staff who carry out this mission, as well as over 3200 alumni who have gone on to take up a variety of leadership and service positions in Ontario, Canada and 21 countries around the world.

But there is much more to come. As Redeemer works on its strategic vision and plan for the next ten years and searches for a new president to carry it out, we are encouraged by the potential for increased enrolment to over 1000 students and for additional development in our undergraduate program, as well as in continuing education and even a graduate program in education.

We are also addressing our \$30 million long-term debt, which to many of us has seemed like a mountain that has stood in the way of moving forward toward a new level of dynamic growth, service and witness. Now the Lord is moving in our supporting community to reduce and eliminate it. We have already received \$5 million in current and \$12 million in deferred gifts.

Our growth is truly a faith story and a communal story of God's blessing on a prayerful and generous supporting community — "Ephesians 3 territory" — God doing more than we could ask or imagine. As the Lord has blessed us over these past 30 years, we look to the future with confidence, as we remain faithful to our founding vision and continue to seek his guidance and blessing to shine ever brighter like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden. ::



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:: The men's varsity basketball team wore pink warm-up shirts in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.



:: Dr. Deani Van Pelt

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This has been a season of tremendous news at Redeemer: a major grant from both federal and provincial governments to build a community soccer centre; record enrolment; positive reviews in *The Globe and Mail's Canadian University Report*; the launch of C.L.E.A.R., our new continuing education program, and personal honours for Dr. Cooper ahead of his retirement are just some of what's been happening this year.

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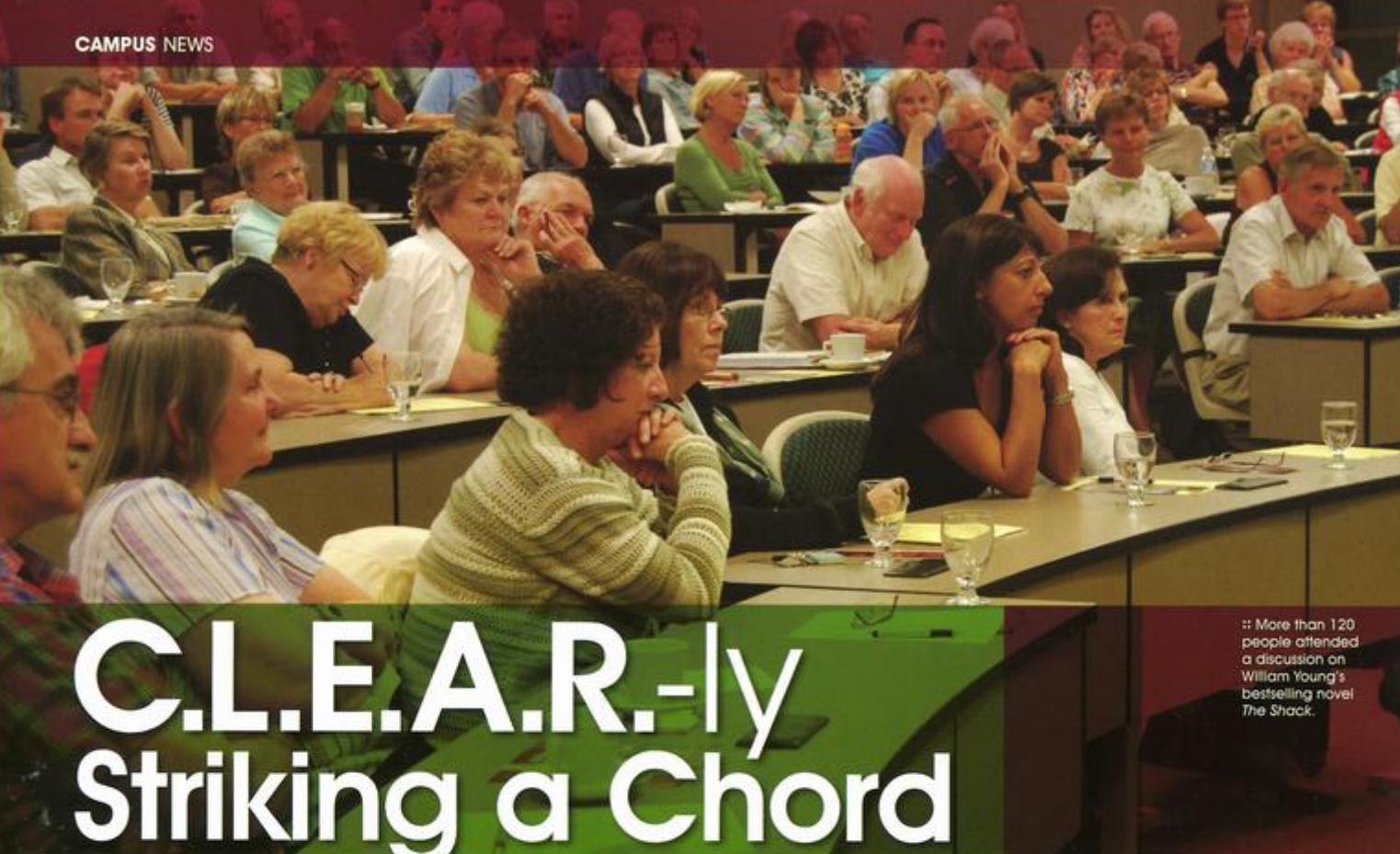
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On the Cover: In August, Redeemer University College launched its new continuing education program, C.L.E.A.R. (Continuous Learning & Education at Redeemer). Since then, more than 1800 people have taken in the lectures, conferences and workshops that have been organized through the program. Read more about the successful launch of the initiative on page 4, or visit www.redeemer.ca/CLEAR to learn about upcoming activities and events.



C.L.E.A.R.-ly Striking a Chord

OUTSTANDING RESPONSE TO NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

By Calvin Van Harten

The telephone has been ringing steadily over the last few weeks as people call to register for the lectures, workshops, and conferences that are being offered through Redeemer's new continuing education program, C.L.E.A.R. (Continuous Learning & Education At Redeemer).

C.L.E.A.R., which debuted in August of 2009, opens up education opportunities for the general public as well as for Redeemer students. Carolyn Gray, formerly Director of Continuing Education at Mohawk College, is working as a part-time consultant to Redeemer's new program. She notes, "C.L.E.A.R. is meant to give a learning opportunity to people from the community who wouldn't normally get it." Non-credit, short-term programs, offered in the evening and on Saturdays, provide the scheduling flexibility that people need to take advantage of these opportunities.

The response to the program has been enthusiastic, with many events being sold out, even after adding extra seating. "People – both Redeemer's traditional

support community and those who until this knew nothing about Redeemer – have been very excited to hear about C.L.E.A.R.," says Rachel Hofing, Administrative Assistant for the program. "Those who call talk about the great cross-section of opportunities and how exciting all the options look."

One of those options has been the "Culture for the Community" series. These 2-part events include a Tuesday evening lecture at Redeemer, followed several days later by a trip. The first of these — a lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls followed by a trip to the Royal Ontario Museum to view the Scroll Exhibit – sold out within days of being offered. Similar events that focus on opera, modern art, and the King Tut exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario, have also been planned. "The lectures and the trips give patrons a good background and context for some really interesting topics," notes Hofing.

Other events that have been organized under C.L.E.A.R. include conferences,

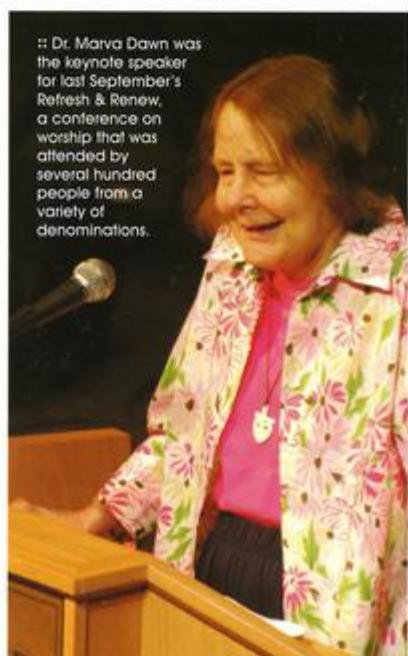
:: More than 120 people attended a discussion on William Young's bestselling novel *The Shack*.

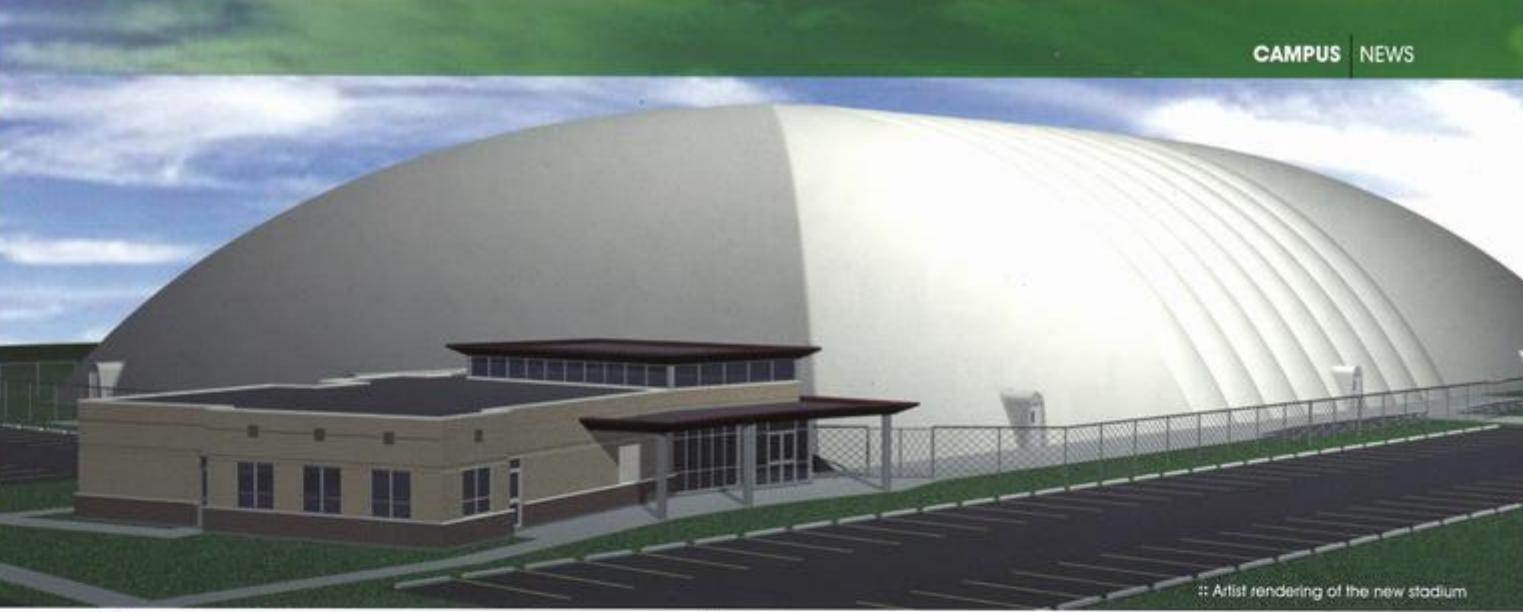
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workshops, short-term non-degree courses and lectures, such as one featuring Stephen Lewis, the former Canadian Ambassador to the UN. A complete list of all events, as well as registration information, can be found at www.redeemer.ca/CLEAR. ::

Calvin Van Harten is a reporter for The Crown, Redeemer's student newspaper

:: Dr. Marva Dawn was the keynote speaker for last September's Refresh & Renew, a conference on worship that was attended by several hundred people from a variety of denominations.





:: Artist rendering of the new stadium

A Five-Party PARTNERSHIP

GOVERNMENTS, COMMUNITY GROUP TO WORK WITH REDEEMER ON NEW SOCCER DOME

Redeemer University College has received another major government capital grant, this time to construct new soccer facilities that will benefit both Redeemer and soccer players from across Hamilton.

As part of an application for the Community Soccer Project, Redeemer will be receiving \$1 million from the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario (RInC Ontario) and from the Ontario Recreation Program (Ontario REC) to fund construction of a shared-use soccer facility on Redeemer's campus. The City of Hamilton has also agreed to support the project through a \$1 million interest-free loan.

The project involves the construction of a second soccer pitch on Redeemer's campus, just off the Kitty Murray Lane entrance. The field will have an artificial turf surface and be covered with a temporary fabric structure from November to April, allowing year-long use. A permanent field house, including change rooms and a concession area, will be built adjacent to the field. Redeemer will also be receiving \$300,000 from the federal and provincial programs to install an artificial turf surface in the existing field.

The Community Soccer Project is a partnership between Redeemer and the Ancaster Soccer Club (ASC). The facility will be operated under a shared-use agreement that will see ASC and other community groups have the majority of access to the facility. "We are so pleased to be able to work together with ASC," noted President Cooper at the groundbreaking ceremony. "This arrangement will give all members of the community access to high-quality facilities, while allowing us to better serve our students." Jim Bethune, President of the Ancaster Soccer Club, agreed: "We are pleased to partner with Redeemer to bring this world-class facility to our community, where it will serve more than 25,000 soccer players."

The unique arrangement was praised by all levels of government. David Sweet, MP for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale (ADFW), noted that the increased capacity for soccer that the project creates "will benefit players from Stoney Creek



:: Groundbreaking ceremony, September 22, 2009

to Brantford." Ted McMeekin MPP for ADFW, said that the agreement is an excellent example of different groups "partnering together for a stronger, healthier community." And Hamilton Councillor Lloyd Ferguson praised ASC and Redeemer for "working together for the greater good of the community."

The Ancaster Soccer Club will work with Redeemer to raise the remaining funds needed to complete the project through a special fundraising campaign. A separate website – www.fieldforallseasons.net – has been set up to provide more information and suggestions on how to support the project. Construction will begin this spring and the dome is expected to open in November, 2010. ::

Securing Redeemer's **FUTURE**



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Since October, Dr. Cooper and members of the Development team have been traveling the province as part of the President's Farewell Tour. The highlight of these events has been the stories of alumni, supporters, volunteers and parents (past and present). From alumni describing the impact of Redeemer on their lives to parents expressing gratitude for the supportive Christian community through which their sons and daughters earned their degrees, it is evident that God has worked through Redeemer to bless many lives.

The events have also served to promote *Securing Redeemer's Future*, an initiative to eliminate this year's operating deficit through immediate contributions and to address Redeemer's long-term debt. As President Cooper noted on p. 2, God has blessed this effort, with more than \$17 million in current and deferred gifts committed.

The Redeemer University College community is invited to attend a special event to honour Dr. Justin D. Cooper on his retirement after 30 years of service to Redeemer.

Friday, April 30 at 8:00 pm in the Redeemer Auditorium

Please visit the Events Calendar at www.redeemer.ca for more details as they become available



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Presidential Search Progress

Since Dr. Cooper announced his intention to retire on June 30, 2010, Redeemer been engaged in a thorough search to seek his replacement. That search has now reached a critical juncture: the Search Committee has narrowed down their list and hopes to make a recommendation to the Board of Governors at its February meetings.

Martin Mudde, who chairs the Search Committee, asks the Redeemer community to remember the following in prayer as this process moves forward: the candidates and their families as they consider the position; Tony Diekema and Brian Verheul (the consultants retained by Redeemer) in their discussions with the candidates; discernment for all so that we make the right decisions; faith that the Lord will provide the right person; and that through this process we continue to honour our Lord in all we do. **For more information on the process, visit www.redeemer.ca/presidentsearch.**

President Cooper Inducted into Hamilton Gallery of Distinction

The City of Hamilton recognized the contributions of Dr. Cooper to Redeemer and the community at large by inducting him into the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction on November 4, 2009.

Dr. Cooper was nominated by Terry Cooke, President of the Hamilton Community Foundation, and his application was supported by McMaster University President Dr. Peter George, and noted business leaders Ron Foxcroft and Dr. Doug Barber. The application outlined not only Dr. Cooper's accomplishments at Redeemer, but also his extensive work promoting the City of Hamilton through his service on the Board of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and as a member of its Government Affairs Committee. He is also a member of the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative (formerly known as the Hamilton Civic Coalition), an organiza-

tion committed to promoting Hamilton's prosperity through job creation and retention.



Although this is a great personal honour, Dr. Cooper notes that this is also a recognition of Redeemer's place within the community: "Hamilton welcomed us and gave us the opportunity to grow and develop into the widely recognized institution that we are today."

Housed in the Hamilton Convention Centre, the Gallery of Distinction inducts Hamiltonians for their contributions to the city and to enhancing Hamilton's reputation around the world. The gallery has previously inducted 156 artists, politicians, business magnates, philanthropists and pioneers. ::



Supporting Students... Transforming LIVES

CORNERSTONE LAUNCHED TO SUSTAIN SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Last fall, Redeemer launched the Cornerstone Program, a new initiative designed to provide on-going support of students. It replaces the funding which had been provided through the former Redeemer Foundation, and in recent years, the Support Our Students campaign.

Each year, Redeemer commits to providing financial aid an amount equivalent to twenty percent of tuition fees. Financial assistance comes to students in the form of scholarships (more than 50 percent of all assistance), bursaries, loans, and part-time campus employment. In 2009/2010 the total commitment is \$1.8 million.

"Giving to Cornerstone means giving to students," notes Judith Drost Storey, Development Director. "Many of our donors tell us that they would like to see their support designated directly to students, to offset their costs and encourage them to focus on and complete their studies. Cornerstone will provide a vehicle for that."

Money raised through a number of existing initiatives, such as the Golf Tournament and giving from churches through collections and ministry shares, will fall under the Cornerstone banner. Individuals or businesses may support the program by becoming Cornerstone Partners, with a minimum annual contribution of \$1,500. Donors will also continue to have the option to establish annual and endowed scholarships and bursary funds with specific criteria. ::

If you are interested in supporting the Cornerstone Program, please contact Judith Drost Storey (jdrost@redeemer.ca; 905.648.2139 x4475).

CORNERSTONE

SUPPORTING STUDENTS. TRANSFORMING LIVES

At the launch of the Cornerstone Program, Peter Frieswick, a 4th-year student completing a double major in Honours English and Theatre, thanked attendees for their contributions:

"What I want to get across is that for some of you, your donations are an offering. For others of you, your donations are great big sacrifices. But whichever they are, I think I can speak for



:: Peter
speaks about
Cornerstone

all the recipients of these awards, that we are very grateful. Without your generous support, many of us would not be at this school. We would not be learning in a Christ-centred environment. We would not be participants in this wonderful and challenging community."

Redeemer Scores Well in *The Globe and Mail*

Redeemer University College has earned an "A+" in Overall Student Satisfaction in *The Globe and Mail's* Canadian University Report, released on October 22. The newspaper's annual survey of student satisfaction, produced in partnership with The Strategic Counsel and Higher Education Strategy Associates, graded 53 universities on a number of key criteria by surveying 38,000 Canadian university students about their experiences. In the survey, Redeemer scored high marks in a variety of core areas:

CRITERIA	GRADE
Quality of education	A+
Building and facilities	A
Student-Faculty interaction	A+
Ease of course registration	A
Campus atmosphere	A+
Quality of teaching	A
Class sizes	A+
Student services	A-
Overall student satisfaction with university	A+
Libraries	A-
Student residences	A+
Personal Security	A+

In the report, student satisfaction was measured by a number of different criteria. Overall, Redeemer students ranked their university as above the average score in 40 of the 55 criteria. "We are very pleased students rank Redeemer so highly in so many important areas," says Richard Wikkerink, Associate Vice President, Student Development and Registrar at Redeemer. "It is especially gratifying that students are so satisfied with the quality of education they receive and with our campus atmosphere. Those results are a testament to the work of our faculty and staff in creating a Christian academic community."

President Cooper sees a larger trend in the survey. "These results speak well for Christian universities and for all small universities across Canada," he notes. "The strong scores of those in the "Very Small" category are an affirmation of the role that these institutions have in our national system."

This was Redeemer's fourth year participating in the survey; it is in the category of universities defined as having enrolments less than 4,000. The full report can be accessed on *The Globe and Mail's* website, www.globeandmail.com/campus. ::

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Dr. Timothy Epp, Associate Professor of Sociology, chats with a prospective student during lunch on a recent Campus Visit Day.

Enrolment surges to record levels

The number of students at Redeemer University College is up again this year. For the academic year 2009–10, there are 918 students at Redeemer, which equals 865 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. Last year, Redeemer served 866 students, which works out to 826 FTE.

Much of the credit for these numbers can be attributed to the tireless work of Redeemer's Recruitment staff. Each fall, University Representatives visit almost 400 high schools and participate in more than 70 university fairs. Throughout the year, Recruitment hosts several Campus

Visit Day events and many, many individual visits from prospective students and their families.

Some other numbers on the 2009–10 student body:

245 full-time students who are new to Redeemer

36 percentage of new students who did not start directly after high school; they either took a year off before starting, are mature students, transferred from other colleges or universities, etc.,

30 full-time students in the Bachelor of Education program

33 part-time students in the Bachelor of Education program

7 countries represented

9 provinces represented (all but Newfoundland and Labrador)

52 denominations represented

17.9 average age of those who came directly from high school ::



Assistant Athletic Director Peter Reid presents Jordan with a plaque recognizing his accomplishment after the game against Niagara College.

NEW CAREER SCORING RECORDS in Basketball and Volleyball

History was made twice within two weeks this fall as career scoring records were set at Redeemer in men's basketball and volleyball.

On October 27, 2009, 4th-year player Jordan DeWeger became Redeemer's all-time career point scorer with a 25-point game against

Niagara College. Jordan's two free throws near the end of the game gave him one more than the 754 points scored by Eric Bulthuis over his career at Redeemer.

After the game, Jordan had this to say on breaking the record. "It wasn't really on my mind during the game. It hit me a little bit towards the end of the game but it was just really great to be able to do it in front of the home fans."

Less than two weeks later, Ryan Talsma became Redeemer's all-time points leader in volleyball in a game against the St. Clair Saints. For Talsma, it is another honour to add to his already impressive resume which includes being named Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Rookie of the Year, two All-Canadian selections, and being chosen three times an OCAA All-Star. Ryan surpassed Dave Berghout who sat at 669 points. ::

Redeemer to host OCAA Men's Volleyball Championships

The Redeemer University College Athletic Department, along with VSP Sports, are proud to announce that the OCAA Men's Volleyball Championships are coming to Ancaster for the first time.

The event will take place February 25–27, 2010. The opening game will be at 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 25, and the tournament will conclude on Saturday, February 27 with the Bronze and Gold Medal games played at 3:00pm and 5:00 pm respectively.

Redeemer's Athletic Director Dave Mantel is thrilled. "We are very excited. The event presents an amazing opportunity for our student athletes, specifically our men's volleyball team, and our Royals fans." The event website can be found at www.bringit2010.com. ::

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Coming Events

CLEAR EVENTS: Culture for the Community

April 6 and 7: "King Tut: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs." Includes a lecture (Tuesday the 6th) followed by a trip to the Art Gallery of Ontario (Wednesday the 7th).

Art Workshops

April 30 and May 1: "Encaustic Painting Weekend Workshop." A workshop that will cover the basics of encaustic painting.

July 12 – 15: "Photoshop Summer Workshop." A four-day intensive session on working with Photoshop.

Conferences

April 10: Autism Spectrum Disorders Conference. Parents, educators and anyone interested in learning more about ASD is invited to our 2nd annual conference.

Evening Lecture Series

March 16: "Going Local." Dr. Ryan O'Dowd discusses the rise of the localism movement.

Spring Part-Time Degree Courses

PHL 370: Philosophy of Film and Meaning.

A philosophical examination of the power and role of film, both as story and as image.

May – June: 2 evenings a week for 7 weeks

BUS 271: Destination Marketing. A systematic and comprehensive review of location marketing concepts and practices; will include a number of site visits.

Dates: TBA

Other

March 12 and 13: Competition Introduction – Part A. Offered in partnership with the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP), this program is an introduction to coaching in multiple sports.

March 30: Spiritual Enterprise. A luncheon and address by Theodore Roosevelt Malloch, author of *Spiritual Enterprise* and *Thrift*

Registration information for all C.L.E.A.R. events can be found at www.redeemer.ca/CLEAR



23RD ANNUAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Paul Wilson
Professor of Homiletics, Emmanuel College, U of T
Theme: "Preaching: Speaking for God"

Register by February 19 by calling 905.648.2139 x4246

ARTS AND CULTURE Theatre

Rookery Nook:* Raymond Louter directs this 1920s English farce by Ben Travers about what happens when doing a good deed makes a newly married man look like he's up to no good.

Matinee: Tuesday, March 23 – 1:00 p.m.

Opening Night, with post-show reception: Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Evening performances: Thursday – Friday, March 25 – 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Dinner and Theatre: Saturday, March 27 – 7:30 p.m.

English

Redeemer's English Department and the Hamilton Poetry Centre will be hosting a series of readings from Canadian poets. All events begin at 4:30 p.m. and are held in the Boardroom:

- Suzanne Buffam – February 25
- Tom Wayman – March 25
- Patricia Young – April 8

Art

Communion of the Faint: Confessions and Complications, an art show featuring works by Kitchener artist Paul Roorda, will have its Opening Reception on Saturday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Gallery. The show will continue until March 22.

Senior Student Winter Exhibition, featuring the work of Redeemer art majors, will have its Opening Reception in the Art Gallery on Friday April 2, 7:30 p.m. The show will continue to April 30.

Music

- **Amis Musicale***: Join Sonia Vizante (violin), Paul Thorlakson (piano), and Marsha Moffit (cello) as they perform works by Beethoven, Arensky and Piazzolla on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Choirs of Redeemer University College will be performing **Requiem*** by Jean Gilles at MacNab Presbyterian Church (116 MacNab Street South, Hamilton) on Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Masterworks***, a concert featuring Sinfonia, Redeemer's orchestral ensemble will take place on Friday, April 9 in Redeemer's Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

*Tickets for these events are available through the Box Office (905.648.2139, ext. 4211) or TicketWindow.ca. Please visit www.redeemer.ca/arts for more information on all these events.

Golf Tournament UPDATE



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Growing in Wisdom



:: Dr. Sternberg

STERNBERG VISIT DRAWS INTEREST ACROSS DISCIPLINES

This past October, the Department of Education held its annual Education Symposium, featuring world-renowned psychologist, Dr. Robert Sternberg. Currently Dean of Arts and Sciences at Tufts University in Boston, Dr. Sternberg has written over 1200 books and articles on topics related to intelligence, creativity, and wisdom. He was previously a faculty member at Yale University and he has been the head of the American Psychological Association.

The morning session, which was aimed more specifically at those in education, was attended by about two hundred people from local school systems and universities, as well as students from Redeemer's Bachelor of Education program. Dr. Sternberg spoke about how teachers can nurture not only the analytical side of students but the creative and practical as well.

:: Dr. Sternberg (second from right) was joined by (left to right) Drs. Windhorst, Norsworthy, Hackney and Bartholomew for a panel discussion during the afternoon session of the Education Symposium.

After the morning session, Redeemer welcomed educational officials from across the province for a Leaders' Lunch that focused on how school leaders may support the development of creativity and intelligence within their schools. Hosted by President Cooper, the lunch featured senior representatives from the Ontario Christian School Teachers Association, the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, the Association of Christian Schools International, local Public and Catholic school systems, the Ontario College of Teachers, the Institute for Catholic Education, and university officials from McMaster, Waterloo, Brock, and Charles Sturt.

The afternoon session looked more broadly at the topic of wisdom and featured panelists from a number of other disciplines: Dr. Craig Bartholomew (Philosophy), Dr. Charles Hackney (Psychology), Dr. Dirk Windhorst (Education), and Dr. Bev Norsworthy (Dean of Teacher Education at Bethlehem Tertiary Institute in New Zealand) all discussed with Dr. Sternberg how wisdom (as opposed to knowledge) is conceptualized and how we might grow in wisdom.

As Dr. Sternberg was leaving, he commented that this had been a day from which he had learned much. He indicated that this wasn't always the case when he gave presentations, but he felt that this day had been a success because of the diverse groups of people that were represented and because of their level of engagement. He welcomed the Redeemer community to continue to work with him in his research on intelligence, creativity and wisdom, another testimony to the success of the day.

Dr. Steve Sider, Redeemer's Director of Teacher Education and the organizer of the day, has already taken Dr. Sternberg up on his offer: "Dr. Mary Ashun and I are doing research in both Ghana and Haiti on the concepts of wisdom. This is as a result of some things that Robert Sternberg had talked about when he was here in October. Sternberg is aware of our research and is interested in it. We continue to dialogue with him about how we may extend his research into Christian education." ::





:: Dr. Deani A. Neven Van Pelt

Technology Aids Study of 19th Century Scholar

impact of Charlotte Mason's ideas on current approaches to education, including Christian education.

Funded in part through several grants received from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Dr. Deani A. Neven Van Pelt, Assistant Professor in Redeemer's Department of Education convened an international meeting of Charlotte Mason scholars in Ambleside, Cumbria, England at the site of the Charlotte Mason's original House of Education, today part of the University of Cumbria. As a result of those meetings and a second grant award by SSHRC, this summer a digitization project of the Charlotte Mason Collection has begun at the Armit Library and Museum in Ambleside, Cumbria, England.

Janny Eikelboom, Marlene Power, Chris Knowles, and Edwin Silva from Redeemer's Library Services and Information Technology department supported the many technical aspects of this project. Their assistance has enabled professors, graduate and undergraduate students (and volunteers) from universities including Redeemer University College, Gardner-Webb University, Covenant College, University of Toronto and University of Cumbria to be involved in the actual digitizing of the collection.

The Charlotte Mason Digital Collection will be launched at Redeemer University College in October 2010. "It is our hope that once the digitalized documents are made available through our library's online catalogue, international access to this previously hard-to-access collection should generate further collaborative study of Charlotte Mason's approach to education," notes Dr. Van Pelt. Those who are interested in Charlotte Mason's ideas for education or in the research project should contact Dr. Van Pelt at dvanpelt@redeemer.ca or visit www.childlightusa.org. ::

There has been a growing interest, especially but not exclusively, by Christian educators in our times in the philosophy and practice of Charlotte Mason, a British educationalist. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Mason established a teacher training college, an education journal, a network of non-state schools, and a union of educating parents and teachers.

Mason was keenly aware of problems in the state-supported education of her time. Her extensive knowledge and analysis of the educational ideas gaining traction in her day, such as those of Frobel, Montessori and later Dewey, and most importantly her Christian view of the person and of the child, combined with her relentless passion and sensitive insights, resulted in Mason offering a proposal for an alternative approach to education for children under 14 years of age. Her writings, which include six volumes on education, have had enduring appeal and have frequently been republished. Today, many home educating programs and up to 200 schools worldwide claim some measure of adherence to her educational ideas.

Redeemer University College is playing a key role in a multi-institutional research project that is examining the

Faculty UPDATES

Dr. Jacob Ellens, Vice President, Academic, is pleased to announce that Dr. Adam Barkman has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Philosophy, effective July 1, 2010. Dr. Barkman is a philosopher well rooted in the history of western



:: Dr. Adam Barkman

philosophy, has published a book on the world view and philosophy of C.S. Lewis, and is developing a book on concepts of non-western knowledge inspired in part by work in South Korea, where he is currently

teaching. He fills the opening left with the death of Dr. Theo Plantinga in 2008.

We also said farewell to Dr. Charles Hackney who has resigned his position at Redeemer and accepted a new position in the Psychology Department of Briercrest College effective December 31, 2009. Before he left, Dr. Hackney's book was published. The work, entitled *Martial Virtues: Lessons in Wisdom, Courage and Compassion from the World's Greatest Warriors*, examines the role of martial arts in character development.

It is available at amazon.com. ::



Dr. Jim Payton

Another Look at Calvin

Though often branded as a doctrinaire, John Calvin's overriding focus as a Protestant reformer was on promoting piety — an intimate relationship with God which shapes all of life. That was the focus of this year's "The World and our Calling Lectures," given by Professor of History Dr. Jim Payton.

This year's Lectures were given in association with a lectureship with which Dr. Payton was honoured by the Association for Reformed Institutions of Higher Education (ARIHE) to mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin.

In a chapel address, Dr. Payton discussed the implications of living out Calvin's motto: *I offer my heart, Lord, promptly and sincerely*. During an evening lecture entitled "Calvin: Champion of Piety," Dr. Payton examined Calvin's earthy spirituality and his high view of the sacraments, and showed how that has influenced not just the various streams of Reformed Christians, but also the broad river of Protestant Evangelicalism. ::

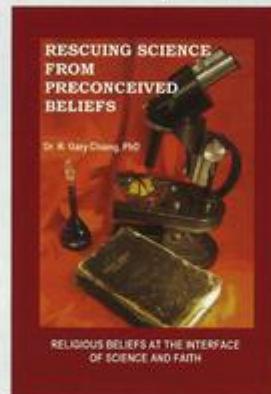
Questioning the ideas behind the science

There are many theories which are used to explain how the earth came to be: Darwinian Evolution, Theistic Evolution, Intelligent Design and Young Earth Creationism to name but a few. But whatever your choice, notes Dr. Gary Chiang, Professor of Biology at Redeemer, none of these theories can be proved with absolute certainty because each depends on presuppositions that cannot be verified by the scientific method. Yet, these presuppositions are accepted as being true due to deeply held religious *beliefs*.

In his new book, *Rescuing Science from Preconceived Beliefs* (Hamilton, ON: Doorway Publications, 2009), Dr. Chiang draws on his expertise in science education, biological research and his Christian walk to bring together Science and the Bible into a harmonious network of connected truths. By describing examples ranging from the

history of Darwin and evolution to the Shroud of Turin and New Age Theology, he teaches that Science does not contradict Scripture. The conflicts we experience arise from our religiously-held preconceived beliefs that influence our interpretation of the established facts.

Dr. Chiang's book is available at the Redeemer Campus Bookstore.



**ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL
SCIENCE FAIR
FOR CHRISTIAN STUDENTS**

April 16-17, 2010

The Science Fair is open to all Christian students enrolled in Grades 9 to 12 at any Ontario school (Catholic, Christian, home, or public).

Registration Fee: \$15/person (up to ten students per project). Includes Saturday's meals and activities.

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Registration Deadline: March 1, 2010

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Registration deadline is March 1, 2010

For more information, visit <http://cs.redeemer.ca/ScienceFair/>, or call Dr. Kyle Spyksma, 905-648-2139 x4239

REDEEMER EMPLOYEES GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY



United Way
of Burlington
& Greater Hamilton

Redeemer faculty and staff supported a host of community agencies through the **6th Annual United Way Employee Campaign**. Since

2004, Redeemer has participated in the annual fall campaign, giving back to the community in very tangible way.

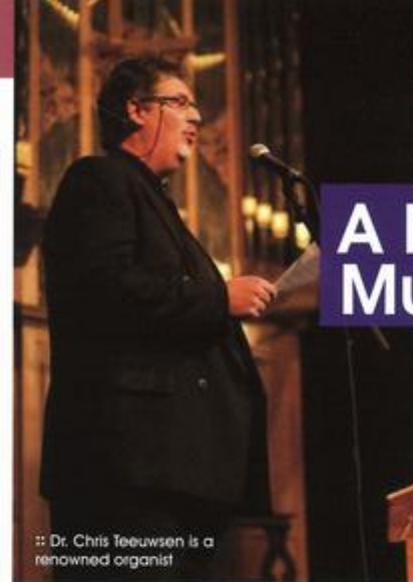
After the federal and provincial governments, the United Way is the largest funder of local social and health related services. They invest in 139 community organizations and programs, working to find real solutions for today's toughest community issues, such as poverty and homelessness.

Redeemer's Employee Campaign, organized by Janet McKenzie of the Advancement Department, kicked off with a presentation by speakers from two funded agencies. John Stewart from Big Brothers Big Sisters and Karen Craig of Living Rock Ministries, shared insights into their organizations and the people they serve through the financial support received from the United Way.

This year 29% of Redeemer employees participated, raising \$6,500, an

11% increase from last year. Support for the United Way has increased each year that Redeemer has participated in the campaign.

A community is not truly great, until it is great for everyone. Together we made a difference, one life at a time. ::



Dr. Chris Teeuwsen is a renowned organist.

A Distinguished Musician Indeed

In January, Dr. Teeuwsen returned to his alma mater for an organ concert at in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, and he presented a workshop for area organists.

Dr. Teeuwsen received his B.A. in Music from Dordt College in 1980, and his M.F.A and D.M.A from University of Iowa in 1995. He also received the Solo Diploma in organ performance in 1984 from the Sweelinck Conservatory in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, the first non-Dutch citizen to attain this diploma in one year. Chris records and performs regularly throughout Europe and North America. He recently completed a series of concerts, lectures, and workshops in South Korea. He has been on faculty at Redeemer since 1987, and has recorded a number of CDs, which are available at www.christeeuwsen.com. ::

Dr. Christiaan Teeuwsen of Redeemer's Music Department was awarded the 2009-10 'Distinguished Alumni Award' from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. The award is given to alumni who have "distinguished themselves in an extraordinary fashion, who give evidence of living out of a reformational world view, and who demonstrate exemplary service to the community and the world." Dr. Teeuwsen received the award in September as part of Dordt's Alumni Weekend.

New opportunities for those interested in Engineering

Dr. Justin Cooper, President of Redeemer, and his counterpart from Dordt College, Dr. Carl Zylstra, have signed an agreement that will create new opportunities for those students who wish to study engineering at a Christian college.

The articulation agreement formalizes a course of study that will allow Redeemer students to take their first year of studies at Redeemer, and then transfer to Dordt to finish their engineering degree in three years, a so-called "1-and-3" program. "This opens a new path for Canadian engineering students who want to study at a Christian institution," noted Dr. Cooper. "They will receive at Redeemer a solid framework for their future studies within a flexible program that gives them option for their next steps."

This is the second articulation that Redeemer has entered into for engineering programs. It has a similar arrangement with McMaster University in Hamilton which recognizes various Redeemer courses as equivalent to a variety of first year engineering courses and electives. That Pre-Engineering Track allows students to begin their studies at Redeemer and transfer their courses towards Engineering level 1 at McMaster University.

Dr. Derek Schuurman, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, sees these as great steps forward for those interested in the applied sciences. "Many prospective engineering students would not have considered Redeemer in the past. With the new Dordt agreement, they can now continue their studies at a sister institution which shares Redeemer's vision that 'all things,' including engineering, can be shaped by a Christian perspective."

More information about the Articulation Agreement and Redeemer's Pre-Engineering Program can be found at www.redeemer.ca/pre-engineering ::

À la maison dans Hamilton

QUEBEC STUDENT FINDS COMMUNITY IN RESIDENCE AND DOWNTOWN MISSION

When Québec City native Catherine Drouin was considering her post-secondary options, she knew she wanted to develop her relationship with and knowledge of God while receiving a Christian perspective in her education. But it's not easy getting first-hand information; after all, she says, "In Québec, we don't have Christian universities." Fortunately, she was able to tap into the experiences of her pastor and his wife — proud Redeemer graduates Ben and Melanie Westerveld, who lead worship at the Église Réformée du Québec.



:: Catherine Drouin's decision to come to Redeemer was based in part on the recommendation of her Québec City pastor, Ben Westerveld

Catherine is hoping to work with non-Christian youth in Québec. To prepare for that goal, she has entered Redeemer's Youth Ministry program and is spending time volunteering at a number of inner-city mission organizations such as Living Rock, a centre for youth at risk in downtown Hamilton. "It is an awesome experience. I am glad that Redeemer is in connection with this community centre."

New experiences have been an exciting challenge for her, but the community she has found at Redeemer has made her time enjoyable. "Living with other people who are very different and come from different backgrounds... makes me grow so much!"

After her time at Redeemer, Catherine plans to return to Québec to study social work. She is looking forward to applying the Christian perspective she is learning at Redeemer to her future plans. "I am very passionate to learn more about God and what brings Him pleasure... so I can put it into action." ::



:: Bethany Petrusma and Emily Woudstra gave a presentation at Queen's Park

Students Campaign to "Narrow the Gap"

This fall, a group of students in the Social Welfare Policy course led by Associate Professor of Social Work Dr. Jim Vanderwoerd organized a campaign to "Narrow the Gap" between low incomes and affordable rent in Ontario.

According to the 2006 Census, 1 in every 5 Ontario tenants spends more than 50% of his or her income on rent. Today there are over 129,000 households on the waiting list for social housing (where rent is geared to income), and wait times can be as long as 20 years. Ontario is the only province that has not made any progress in its housing funding since 2001.

The students set up a display to encourage the student body to sign postcards in support of a new Housing Benefit Policy sponsored by the Daily Bread Food Bank. After collecting about 200 signed postcards on campus, the group attended a policy forum at Queen's Park sponsored by the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition.

Two Redeemer students, Bethany Petrusma and Emily Woudstra, spoke to the delegates, which included several MPPs, about the campaign, and circulated the postcard for delegates to sign. The postcards were then delivered to Premier Dalton McGuinty's office, urging him to 'Narrow the Gap' between low incomes and affordable rent in Ontario. ::



Pretty in Pink— FOR A CURE

Over the course of October (Breast Cancer Awareness month) and November, the Redeemer Royals took part in a province-wide campaign to raise awareness and support for Breast Cancer Research. The campaign was organized by the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA), which has 30 member institutions.

The Royals campaign included varsity teams wearing pink t-shirts for warm-ups (which were later sold), the hockey team pledging \$20.00 for every goal they scored in the month of October, and a Breast Cancer Awareness Event that was part of the men's and women's volleyball games against Canadore College.

In total, the Redeemer Royals contributed \$1360, or roughly 20% of the \$7000 raised by the entire OCAA campaign. ::

Auction Raises Funds for Nigerian University

On Monday, November 23, students, staff and faculty gathered in the Commons for the annual "Hobbies for Hilltop" auction. For many years, this student-led project has raised funds for the University of Mkar, formerly known as Hilltop University, which is located in southeastern Nigeria.

Gift baskets, crafts, and homemade dinners were just a few of the items donated by students, staff and faculty. Campus Chaplain Syd Hielema, Dean of Students Fred Schat, and Career and Placement Coordinator John Krueger, also contributed to the cause by shedding some of their

fur — which included the shearing of two moustaches and a pony tail. In total, \$5470 was raised for the university.

Third-year student Rachel DeVries said, "It is always moving for me, to go to things like this because it makes me, along with many other students, realize that despite the fact that we consider ourselves poor college students, we know that God has blessed us with far more than enough, and we need to share His rich blessings with our brothers and sisters around the world."

The event was a great follow-up to the

:: The men's varsity basketball team wore pink warm-up shirts in support of Breast Cancer Awareness



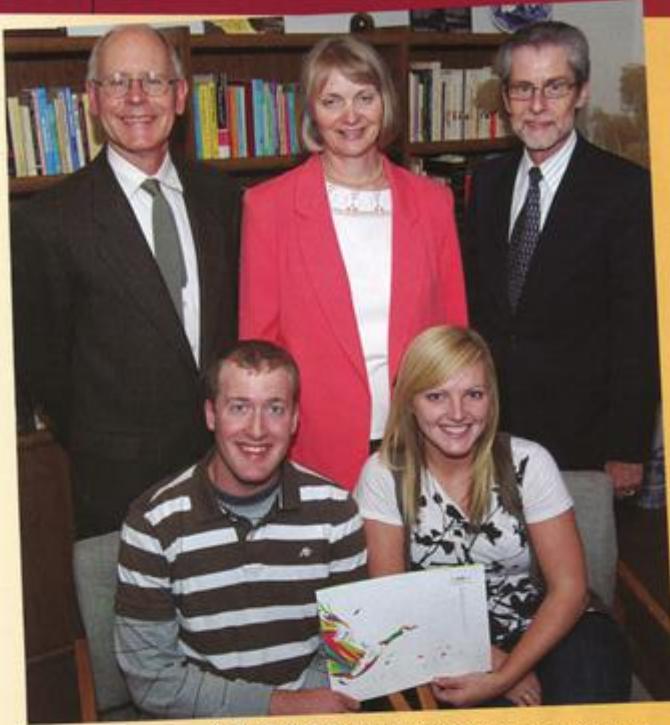
OCAA Plays for
Breast Cancer Awareness



:: Chaplain Syd Hielema has his 'stache shaved by Melissa Hoogeboom

visit made to the Nigerian university in May by Dr. Derek Schuurman and alumnus Matthew West. They stayed at the university for three weeks, revamping the computer lab and leading workshops and seminars for faculty and students.

"My hope is that the time we spent in Mkar was helpful and fruitful for the university," Dr. Schuurman notes. "I encourage people at Redeemer to pray for this fledgling Christian university as well as for other institutions around the world that seek to proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the area of higher education." ::



:: Dr. Jacob Ellens, Vice President, Academic, Financial Aid Director Jeannette Lodewyks and President Cooper with 2009 award winners Jacob Parsons and Laura Mainland

MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Ends with a splash

In 2000, the federal government established the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) with a ten-year mandate to operate a financial aid program for post-secondary students. Most of the funds given were Millennium Bursaries awarded to the students who had the highest financial need when they applied for government assistance through their home province. Each year, between 150–200 Redeemer students received these bursaries.

The CMSF also administered a scholarship program offering Excellence Awards to students entering post-secondary institutions and to those halfway through their program. Laureates must demonstrate academic achievement, innovation, leadership and community involvement. There are three levels of awards. From 2003–07, the third-level Millennium Excellence In-Course Award was given to a Redeemer student. In 2008, Laura Mainland became the first Redeemer student to earn a first level award. She attended a winners' conference that fall and introduced those present to Redeemer.

In this, the last year that the Millennium Excellence Awards are available, not only has Laura been awarded a renewal of her scholarship, another Redeemer student, Jeremy Parsons, has earned an award; his is at the second level.

Redeemer congratulates both of these scholars for their accomplishments and thanks them for the witness that they have been to Redeemer's mission in the university sphere in Canada. ::

FAITH and social justice *conference*

For the past three years, Redeemer's Social Justice Team has organized and hosted a conference each January that allows students, faculty, staff, and the community to engage together in issues of social justice and faith. This year, representatives from organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Project 417, Opportunity International Canada, and SoChange led workshops on topics such as human trafficking, restorative justice, sustainable development, poverty and more.

Plenary speaker Dr. Anne-Marie Zajdlik, spoke of the need for hope when confronting the bleakness of these issues. A family doctor and AIDS physician from Guelph, Zajdlik founded the 'Bracelet of Hope' campaign that has successfully raised \$1 million for a health clinic in Lesotho, Africa. She attributes her drive and passion for change to her faith, which has given her strength to continue her work.

Redeemer alumnus Ken Dryfhout '00 led a workshop on the topic of 'Consumerism and the Call to Insurgency.' After graduating,

Dryfhout attended seminary and now works at The Dam, an organization working with youth and young moms in Mississauga. Ken's session challenged Christians to live lives committed to non-violent resistance against every oppressive form of dominant culture.



:: Dr. Anne-Marie Zajdlik

"Our desire for comfort and convenience has led to a reality where we mostly unknowingly participate daily in the profits of oppression, poverty and slavery," says Dryfhout. "Our 'Christian' countries better resemble Sodom, Babylon or Rome than the images of the Kingdom that Jesus urges us to yearn for."

Through his workshop, attendees were challenged to make daily decisions to live a life that reflects the worship of the Kingdom of God and not the convenience of the Empire. Something as simple as eating chocolate is one of those important decisions. Ken noted that "200,000 children are enslaved because we eat chocolate from Cadbury, Nestle, and Hershey's. We have to decide what we are going to choose: the food of the empire, or the kingdom of God. We can't have both."

Third-year business student, Desiree Hunse, was convinced. "I'm not going to eat chocolate that is not fair trade anymore," she said. "The conference definitely pushed and stretched my worldview. It touched on all different aspects of social justice, and I learned a lot that I have not had the opportunity to learn elsewhere." ::

NATIONAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION GRADUATE

Steve Bock '04 was one of five teachers from across Canada to win a Heritage National Excellence Award for Teachers (NEAT). A teacher at Durham Christian Academy in Bowmanville, Steve was notified by the Foundation last summer that he had been nominated, and was given the award at a ceremony at the school just after Thanksgiving.

In making the award, the Foundation noted that Steve "is a consummate professional, regularly attending courses to upgrade his skills and learn new techniques that will enhance the classroom, often at his own expense. Mr. Bock was the first teacher at his school to make use of new technology, patiently and consistently updating a website on a daily basis. His students benefit from using the website to keep up with their assignments, quizzes and activities."

Steve's wife, Dorothy is proud of him, and the education that he received: "This award is only awarded to one teacher in Ontario, and has been given to a Redeemer University College education graduate; this is exciting news to share with the university." ::



:: Presenting the award to Steve were Bev Oda, MP for Durham and Minister of International Cooperation, and Scott McIndoe, Chairman of Heritage Educational Foundation



:: Alumni Bill Fledderus (below), Michael John Kooy and Irene Grace Bom have seen the Redeemer in France program take off since they first blazed that trail in 1991

"The Buckle Gets Buckled"

THREE PIONEERS RETURN TO REDEEMER

Three pioneers of the Redeemer's English department recently returned to their academic home turf. Bill Fledderus and Irene Grace Bom are teaching part time in the English department, and Michael John Kooy, on sabbatical from the University of Warwick in England, returned to lead a presentation to current Redeemer students about graduate studies overseas.

The three alumni, all of whom graduated with Honours degrees in English in 1992, each pursued graduate studies immediately upon graduation. Fledderus headed to the University of Alberta for a master's program in creative writing. He returned to Ontario to become news editor of *Christian Courier* (CC), a biweekly Christian newspaper published out of St. Catharines; he now edits *Faith Today*, the magazine of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. Bom undertook both master's and doctoral work at Queen's University at Kingston, taking a year off to follow in Fledderus' footsteps as news editor of CC. Kooy headed directly to Oxford to begin doctoral research. For the last three years he has overseen graduate studies for the department of English at the University of Warwick.

In addition to pioneering the Honours English program, Fledderus, Kooy and Bom were also among the first Redeemer students to study French abroad. The three studied at the University of Paris at the Sorbonne under the auspices of Redeemer's French department before such foreign study was formalized. The French department later incorporated into its program a semester of foreign study and now sends up to six students to France every year. The response of Dr. Van Til Rusthoven, Associate Professor of French, to the reunion at Redeemer was "La boucle est bouclée," a French expression which refers to events coming full circle (literally, "the belt is buckled").

The three alumni reflected on their extensive involvement with the *Crown*, concert choir, and numerous mainstage theatre

productions. Noted Fledderus, "Redeemer in those days was a place where you were free to fly by the seat of your pants. You could create your own opportunities. You could take something on and do it your way." Kooy agreed that Redeemer provided an environment that fostered creativity: "There is something to be said for studying in good company."

But all agreed that early freedom is offset by the breadth that has come with increased enrolment. More courses and extracurricular activities have given Redeemer "the feel of a larger university" said Bom, adding that the increase in student numbers "has brought a lot of energy" to the campus. ::





Dr. Steve Sider (right) in one of the leadership classes that he and Dr. Windham led in Haiti last summer. Several of the teacher-students in the class were killed in the earthquake.

Partnering with Haiti

REDEEMER PLAYS ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT

Just as *Images* was being prepared for print, word came of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. In the 2009–10 academic year, there are no Haitian nationals among Redeemer's student body. However, the tragedy has deeply affected many in the Redeemer community, including a number of alumni.

Many relatives of Louis and Cassandra Dauphin (alumni who are brother and sister) live in Haiti. Three days after the quake, Louis forwarded the following email to Dr. David Koyzis:

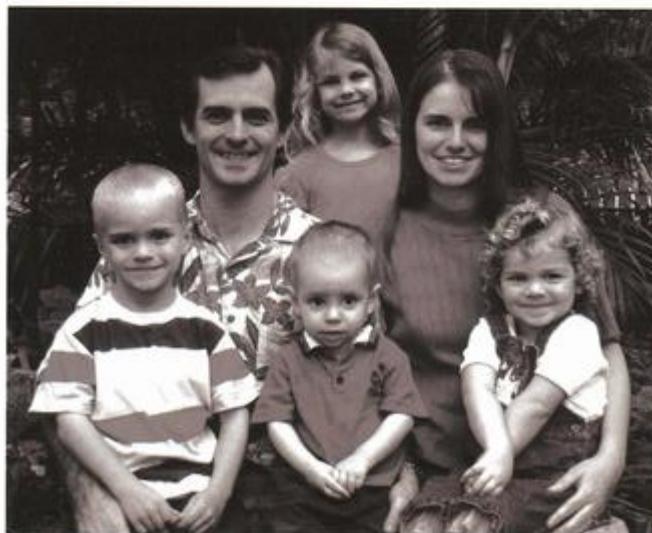
Thank you for your concern and your prayers. It's been a difficult time for the family as we have been making and receiving phone calls over the past 50 hours. So far, we have 10 family members who have died and we're still awaiting news on many more. Just in the past hour, we have received news of two family members and one very close friend of the family among the list of casualties... I thank you, once again, for your prayers.

Deborah Campbell Baker '99 works at the Baptist Haiti Mission (BHM) in Fermathe, Haiti, which is just south of the devastated capital Port-au-Prince. She, her husband Kyrk and their four children all survived the quake. Deborah posted the following on her blog — www.ourlifeinhaiti.blogspot.com — the day after the quake:

It was probably one of the most scary things I have ever lived through. I have never seen buildings and vehicles move that much. Kyrk and I were actually outside talking with some people when it hit. I immediately ran home while it was still shaking to make sure that our youngest, Robert, was okay. The aftershocks were quite

strong and the kids were very shook up. The last aftershock that we felt was early this morning, so hopefully they are over.

Here at the mission, part of our conference center collapsed. Thankfully



The Baker family



Stacia Vong-Hogeterp at the airport with other members of the World Vision team, including Dave Toyen, President of World Vision Canada (2nd from left).



Although many relief efforts were spontaneous and small, they have contributed to a massive response.

there was not much other large damage to buildings. The damage is huge around us and it is hard to know where to start. Port-au-Prince is a disaster. I'm sure as the day goes on we will have more reports. Thank you so much for your prayers. We need wisdom to know where to start.

As in previous years, Drs. Dirk Windhorst and Steve Sider spent a number of weeks in Haiti this past year working with Christian school educators, mostly at the same Baptist Haiti Mission where Campbell and her family are located. The training that they offer — the Haiti Christian School Leadership Certificate Program, provides an opportunity for up to 400 Haitian administrators to receive training in school system leadership and management.

We are still hearing of school principals who are just being reached because of being located in rural, difficult to access, areas. Many have lost their houses, churches, and schools. One principal indicated that he reached his house to find that his wife and children had been killed in the collapsed building. We are also hearing amazing stories of rescue and of God's provision. Already we are beginning to talk with principals about how we may support their efforts to rebuild the physical structures of their schools as well as the support systems they will require.

Stacia Vong-Hogeterp '95 is a Senior Team Leader for World Vision Canada and was on the ground shortly within a week of the quake. This is what she saw when she arrived:

My colleagues and I have been work-

ing tirelessly since the hour of the quake both on the ground in Port-au-Prince and from around the globe. I accompanied a charter flight donated by Westjet, filled with donated medical supplies, to Port-au-Prince on January 19. Other passengers included delegates from the Department of Foreign Affairs, CBC and CTV who filmed the trip. The airport was in a state of controlled chaos, buzzing with military troops and planes, non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, media hub, all sorts of aircraft trucks and supplies and a sea of homeless Haitians waiting to board a US military plane to America. I hit the ground running that Tuesday morning, loading and unloading medical supplies and coordinating logistics in the sweltering heat of 34+ degrees.

Unfortunately for Stacia, her time in Haiti was cut short when she was injured in the 6.1 aftershock that shook the island the day she arrived. She was flown out of the country the next day and is now resting at home. Her experience is a reminder that Haiti is still a dangerous place.

For many, the sheer scale of the devastation is overwhelming, and leaves them wondering what can be done. In his weekly devotional, Chaplain Syd Hielema called on students, faculty and staff to be a part, no matter how small, of the relief effort:

We Christians are called to "seek first the kingdom," and kingdom-seeking requires us to abandon our bubbles, immerse ourselves in the brokenness of this world and live as instruments of God's grace within this immense

breakage in any way that we can. We are called to be a body contagious with shalom, God's great healing grace and peace.

And that impossible calling leads to this simple prayer: "Lord, you call us to be bearers of your goodness in a thoroughly messed-up world, giving us a task far too great for us to carry out and even understand, but in your strength we joyfully take it on. Open our eyes to see whom we might partner with in seeking first your kingdom." The news from Haiti makes crystal clear just how important such partnerships are.

At Redeemer, there have been several fund-raising efforts in the days after the quake:

- The Social Justice team raised about \$350 (for Baptist Haiti Mission);
- The Church In The Box offering raised \$1707 (for Baptist Haiti Mission);
- The collection at the Stephen Lewis lecture raised about \$2035 (for CRWRC and World Vision);
- The collection taken at the Battle of the Bands raised \$1320 (for World Vision);
- The Future Teacher's Association hosted a Spaghetti Dinner that raised about \$5000 (for Haiti Baptist Mission and Love Haiti Mission).

Dr. Sider represented Redeemer at a media telethon for Haiti relief on local TV stations CHCH and Cable 14 on January 26. Those funds will go to support two hospitals — each with long relationships with Hamilton hospitals — that have been devastated.

Please continue to pray for all those who have been impacted by this tragedy. ::

Personal



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Brad '91 and Jennifer Heida Antonides '90 with their 4-year-old daughter Quinn Anh, from Vung Tau, 2 hours south of Ho Chi Minh City (old Saigon) Vietnam, June 2009.

Alex '00 and Willena Ramaker van Donkersgoed '99 were blessed with a baby girl on August 5, 2009. Linaya Janelle is adored by Nicholas and Amaryn. Alex is a teacher and Willena provides part-time daycare.

Carmen and Nathan Cooper '94 welcomed Seth Jeremy into the world on December 21. Seth is a much loved blessing to his mom, dad and four siblings Aidan, Sam, Noah, and Matthias.

Gary and Tamara Bosma vanZandwijk '00 give praise to God for two 2009 miracles! In January they adopted Paul Daniel Berton. On September 4, they were blessed with the birth of Grace Helene.

Michael Bootsma '90 received a Doctorate of Ministry through Fuller Seminary. He is a pastor in Frankford, ON, along with his wife, **Helena Eerdmans Bootsma '91** and their children, Joshua (16), Andrew (14), James (12) and Anna (10).

Rafik '06 and Leanne Marissen Kamel '08 are excited about their new little boy, Athanasius (Athan) Jude, born November 8, 2009. Rafik is studying at Covenant Seminary.

Jason and Amanda Marissen Brinkman '03 had a baby boy on October 9, 2009. His name is Jaxon Jan.
abrinkmanteacher@hotmail.com

Nate and Ginny Dyment Botting '02 moved back to Hamilton in August 2009. They purchased their first home and look forward to many new adventures in the future.

John and Cheryl Buesink Lewis x93 would like to welcome to their family Rebecca Lianne, born September 18, 2009. Proud big brothers are Benjamin, Brandon & Daniel.

Marcia De Haan Van Drunen '92 and Mark Van Drunen welcomed Elias Arie Pieter into their family on September 18, 2009. Sisters Anja (6) and Danae (3) are excited too! You can find us on Facebook.

Paul and Lorraine Dykstra Ridder '03 welcomed their second daughter, Megan Lorraine, on October 3, 2009. Isabelle is a proud big sister.

Robert Boer '92 has gone on disability, resigning as a music professor at Montreat College. A brain tumor has led him to restrict his energy to his wife Keri and his 5-year old daughter Emily.

Amanda and Chris Pott '03 are excited to announce the birth of their first daughter Hana Arja. She was born on April 4, 2009 in Chichibu, Japan where they live and teach English.

Greg '99 and Michelle DeKlerk Fluit '01 are pleased to announce the birth of Nathan, May 14, 2009, a brother for Kiersten. Michelle is enjoying maternity leave from her job as a Chartered Accountant while Greg is a pastor.

Heather Boogaard '08 married Ryan Horlings on July 18, 2009. Heather works full time with the York Region District School Board and Ryan works in sales. hhorlings@hotmail.com

Colin '03 and Amy Hilborn deRaaf '04 and big brother Christian are thrilled to welcome Graeme, born on June 7, 2009.

Greg and Sarah VanderLaan Timmer '99 are pleased to announce the arrival of Caleb Rick on July 13, 2009. He joins Abby (5), Sam (3) and Gabe (1 1/2). Greg is a pastor and Sarah continues her doctoral studies at Marquette University.
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Michael '06 and Rachel Mussche Vander Deen '05 are excited to announce the birth of their second child, Aaron Michael, on April 14, 2009. Michael is teaching at Heritage Christian School and Rachel is enjoying time at home with Aaron and older brother Peter.

Jennifer Feddeema Cardoso '97 and her husband Jesse are pleased to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Olivia Grace, born April 22, 2009.

Hank '99 and Michelle Schouten DeJong '97 welcomed another prospective Redeemer student on June 10, 2009. Miriam Simone is enjoyed by her sisters Elisa and Kara and is somewhat enjoyed by her 3 year old brother James.

Michael Hoekstra '97 received his B Ed. from the University of Windsor. Michael, his wife Judi and their 3 youngest children are in the Dominican Republic where he teaches at the Santiago Christian School.

Jeanette and Dennis van Staalduin '94 welcomed Archer George, a brother to Rachel and Elliot, on November 20, 2009. ::

IMAGES... Changing Direction

For those of you who may recall, the first issue of *Images* was published in February, 1987. It was three pages (one double-sided), stapled, and mailed to the roughly 200 alumni that Redeemer had on its mailing list at the time.

Originally, *Images* was designed to be a newsletter for alumni — a publication to complement *Reflections*, which was first produced in 1982 to provide updates to Redeemer's broader support community. *Images* was produced at the same time as *Reflections*, and alumni were sent the two pieces packaged together.

As the institution grew, readers of *Reflections* were more and more interested in reading about the impact of Redeemer's alumni as recorded in *Images*. So in the fall of 1998, shortly after Redeemer was given the right to grant Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, the two publications were merged into one and *Images* was transformed into the magazine of the entire Redeemer support community, including alumni.

Fast-forward to just over a decade later, and we have arrived at another milestone. With the dawn of a new presidency beckoning, and a new level of service and vitality, we have decided with this issue to retire the current format of *Images*. We have been thinking for some time now about how we can better present Redeemer to our supporters and the community-at-large. One such way is being previewed with this issue of *Images* — we are going to a full-colour magazine format!

More significantly, we are moving to a magazine that has two main areas of focus:

1. To give the Redeemer community a forum for sharing their collective intellectual strength through compelling opinions/positions on current issues and affairs; and,
2. To showcase the impact of our community work at every level — local, national, ecclesiastical, artistic, international, etc.

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Introducing *Tangents* — a magazine that promotes critical thinking and analysis, compelling thought leadership and shows that while our opinions may differ from the majority and in some cases, even from each other, we are not afraid to share or defend them. This is what we have come to refer to as "going off on tangents" — hence, the name. We will reflect and provide a vehicle for those voices that diverge from commonly-held or 'in-the-box' thinking, recognizing that Redeemer is called to be a leader in the Christian community, an institution that is "in the world, but not of the world."

To the scores of alumni, students, faculty and staff who have contributed to *Images* and *Reflections* over the last 28 years, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Your input and support helped establish those publications as a part of the fabric of Redeemer, and you have played a key role in telling Redeemer's story.

We look forward to your continued support as we share more of Redeemer and its impact on the world with you in *Tangents*. ::

As with *Images*, *Tangents* will be sent to over 13,000 people in Redeemer's broad support community. As well, you may subscribe to the electronic version if you would like to access your copy 'on the go.' To that end, we are offering a limited amount of space in each issue for paid advertising — a first! If you are an alumni, a business owner/service provider, and are looking for a way to promote your products/services, we encour-

age you to support Redeemer in a mutually beneficial way by advertising in our new magazine.

For more information, please email tangents@redeemer.ca, or follow us online at:

www.redeemer.ca/tangents.ca.

See you in the Spring — with a new magazine and a whole new look and direction. *Tangents* — we're taking new ground for the Kingdom.

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Ben Travers

Directed by Raymond Louter

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